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ENFORCEMENT ACTION

**Mark M. Papineau
Registered Environmental Assessor (R.E.A.)**

The Board for Geologists and Geophysicists issued a citation and fine of \$2,500.00 to Mark M. Papineau, Registered Environmental Assessor (R.E.A.) for unlicensed activity pursuant to section 7832 and 7872(a) of the Business and Professions Code (Geologist and Geophysicist Act).

Mr. Papineau engaged in unlicensed professional practice at an Underground Storage Tank (UST) site and provided inaccurate geologic information to local county officials. Specifically, he provided "two figures" one entitled "Benzene Iso-concentration Contours" and the other "Geologic Cross-Sections AE1-AE2 and AE2-AE3" to County of San Mateo's Local Oversight Program (LOP) staff. This geologic information prepared and provided by Mr. Papineau was ultimately used as evidence supporting a decision to deny the closure of a UST site. The geologic information was later determined, upon professional evaluation by appropriately licensed San Mateo County staff and appropriately licensed State Water Resources Control Board Technical Review Unit staff, to be "... not representative of site conditions and therefore invalidated the decision (sic, of the denial of site closure previously) set forth ..."

Section 125.9(d) of the Business and Professions Code specifies that payment of the fine does not constitute admission of the violation charged and represents satisfactory resolution of the matter. Mark M. Papineau, R.E.A. agreed to pay the fine.